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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. S56-50247, published on November 27, 1981, together with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H11-133297, published on May 21, 1999, together with an English language translation of the same, and discussed on page 2 of the specification;

U.S. Patent No. 5,173,809 to IWAKI et al., issued on December 22, 1992;

U.S. Patent No. 5,600,494 to KUBO et al., issued on February 4, 1997; and

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0156334 to MARUYAMA, published on August 21, 2003.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. published patent application

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are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the Japanese patent documents are attached and all the documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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